GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Service – Revenue Department – Departmental proceedings against Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 828 Dated: 04-08-2025

Read the following:-

1. From the DG, ACB, Rc.No.153/RCT-VSK/2023-S.12, Dated:23.10.2024.
2. From the DG, ACB, Rc.No.153/RCT-VSK/2023-S.12, Dated:17.07.2025.
3. GO Ms.No.265, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, dt.04.08.2025.

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O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P.Civil Services (CC & A) Rules, 1991 for committing irregularities noticed by the Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau and was trapped on 15.12.2023.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charges (Annexure. I). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexures. II, III & IV).

3. Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District is directed to submit within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defence.

4. Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those Articles of Charges as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each Article of Charge.

5. Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the time specified in Para 3 above, further actions will be processed based on the material available.

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6. Attention of Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his/her behalf from any other person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his/her instance and action will be taken against him/her for violation of Rule 24 of A.P.Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No.16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District ***through*** the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Mangalagiri.

Copy to:

The Director General, Anti Corruption Bureau, AP, Vijayawada.
The District Collector, Srikakulam District.
Sf/Sc.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE – I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI MUDDADA JAYA KRISHNA BALAJI, WARD REVENUE SECRETARY, WARD SACHIVALAYAM, GONTI VEEDHI, SRIKAKULAM TOWN, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN Cr. No 13/RCT-ACB/SKL/2023 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

That Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District (here-in- after referred as Government Servant) while function as such during the period between 20.11.2019 to 15.12.2023(till the date of trap) committed grave misconduct in as much as:

CHARGE-I

That the Government Servant That Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs: 5,000/- at Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town from the complainant Sri Jafar Ghori to process the application for issuing family member certificate in the name of complainant's mother-in-law Jareena Begum and failed to maintain absolute and violated Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

CHARGE-II

As per circular of the CCLA's Ref. No.LR-II (1)/REV02-13/15/2022 dated.18.04.2022 from the Office of Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada, it is clearly mentioned that Non-availability of the family member for recording statement shall not be a ground for rejecting the FMC and No rejection is allowed. But the Government Servant rejected the FMC application No: FMC231130058155 by violating the instructions issued in the CCLA's Ref. No.LR-II (1)/REV02-13/15/2022 dated.18.04.2022 of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Thus the Government Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District by his above mentioned acts exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and failed to maintain absolute and violated Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

G JAYALAKSHMI
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

SECTION OFFICER

ANNEXURE –II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT OR MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI MUDDADA JAYA KRISHNA BALAJI, WARD REVENUE SECRETARY, GONTI VEEDHI WARD SACHIVALAYAM, SRIKAKULAM TOWN, SRIKAKULAM DISTRICT IN Cr. No 13/RCT-ACB/SKL/2023 OF ACB, SRIKAKULAM RANGE.

Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Secretariat, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town and Srikakulam District. He entered into Government Service on 20.11.2019 as Ward Revenue Secretary and posted to Ward Secretariat, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam town and worked as such on the date of trap. His date of Birth is 10.04.1996. He is due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation on 30.04.2058. He is here-in-after called as Government Servant (G.S.).

CHARGE :- I

That the Government Servant That Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, ward Revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- at Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town from the complainant Sri Jafar Ghori to process the application for issuing family member certificate in the name of complainant's mother-in-law Jareena Begum and failed to maintain absolute and violated Rule 3(1) & (2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

FACTS AND EVIDENCE :-

On 13.12.2023 at 14:00 hours, the complainant Sri Jafar Ghori came to the ACB office and submitted a written complaint stating that his marriage was performed with Rajiya Sulthana who is daughter of Mohammad Khan and Jareena Begum of Saibulathota, Srikakulam town. His father-in-law Mohammad Khan had worked as Constable in Excise Department and retired from service. On 07.11.2023, his father-in-law died. In order to get family pension in the name of his mother-in-law, family member certificate is needed. On behalf of his mother-in-law, he went to Ward Sachivalayam at Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam town in the 3rd week of November and met Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary. Then the Ward Revenue Secretary told him to bring affidavit and other connected papers with application form, to get Family Member Certificate. Accordingly, he filled application form in the name of his mother-in-law and handed over the same to Sri Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, together with affidavit and other papers. Then the Ward Revenue Secretary demanded an amount of Rs.6,000/- to process the application for issuing Family Member Certificate. Again, on 30.11.2023 afternoon, around 2:30 pm, he went to Ward Sachivalayam at Gonti Veedhi, met Sri Jayakrishna Balaji and requested to reduce the bribe amount. Upon which, the Ward Revenue Secretary reduced Rs.1,000/- and told him to pay an amount of Rs.5,000/- towards bribe so that he would complete the work. He recorded the voice conversation of Ward Revenue Secretary regarding demand of bribe, through his cell phone. He is not interested to pay the bribe amount. He informed the same to his mother-in-law who too, not interested to get the work completed, by paying the bribe amount. While so, on 13.12.2023 morning, he met Sri Jayakrishna Balaji at Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti

Veedhi and enquired about his work. Then the Ward Revenue Secretary told him that he would ensure issuance of Family Member Certificate, only on payment of bribe amount of Rs.5000/-. The Ward Revenue Secretary further told him to bring the bribe amount to Ward Sachivalayam at Gonti Veedhi in one or two days. Hence, it is requested to take necessary action against Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary for demanding bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- for issuing Family Member Certificate to his mother-in-law.

That after observing all legal formalities, the DSP, ACB, Srikakulam Range registered the complaint of the complainant as a case in Cr.No.13/RCT-ACB/SKL/2023 U/s 7 (a)of Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018 at 06.15 hours on 15.12.2023 and took up investigation.

On 15.12.2023, the DSP, ACB, Srikakulam secured the presence of two respectable mediators viz., 1. Sri Bhyri Praveen, S/o Nagabhusana Rao, age 41 years, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Srikurmam, Gara Mandal, Srikakulam, R/o Bhyri Singupuram, Srikakulam Rural Mandal, Srikakulam District. Cell No. 8309804535. 2. Sri Gandubilli Venkata Ramana, S/o Trinadh, age 31 years, Veterinary Assistant, Veterinary Dispensary, Lolugu, Ponduru Mandal, Srikakulam District, R/o Dallavalasa Village, Ponduru Mandal, Srikakulam District. Cell No. 9959289594 and secure the presence of the complainant.

The DSP, ACB, Srikakulam conducted pre-trap proceedings 15.12.2023 from 09:00 hrs to 11:00 hrs, which was reduced into writing by the mediators as pre-trap proceedings incorporating the serial numbers of the currency notes, the demonstration of chemical tests and the instructions issued to the complainant and the other members of the trap party.

On 15.12.2023 at 11:40 hrs., the Government Servant was successfully trapped by the ACB officials when he further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- from the complainant Sri Jaffar Ghowri for showing the above said official favour.

Then the DSP questioned the Ward Revenue Secretary Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji as to for which, he stated that today i.e. 15.12.2023 morning while he was attending his computer work at the seat of Ward Admin Secretary, one Jafar Ghori came to him and enquired about 'Family Member Certificate' in respect of his mother-in-law Jareena Begum. Then he asked Jafar Ghori whether he brought the proposed bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- as asked by him earlier and Jafar Ghori took out a wad of currency notes from the right side pocket of his pyjama and handed over the same to him as bribe amount and requested to process the application for issuance of 'Family Member Certificate. He took the amount from Jafar Ghori with his right hand, counted the same with his both hands and after confirming that it is Rs. 5,000/-, he kept the amount in his front right side jean pant pocket and assured to Sri Jafar Ghori that he would process the same and ensure issuance of 'Family Member. Then the DSP questioned the Govt. Servant about the bribe amount, he took out the same from his front right side jean pant pocket. At my instructions, the mediators took possession of the currency notes and compare the numbers and denomination of the currency notes with the numbers mentioned in the mediator's report-1. The mediators compared the serial numbers and denominations of the currency notes with those noted in the mediators report-I and informed that the numbers of currency notes were

tallied with 5,000/-. When the serial numbers were compared with those Sl. Nos. mentioned in pre-trap proceedings, they tallied. The DSP seized the said currency.

On the instructions of DSP, ACB, Srikakulam, HC 1240 prepared fresh Sodium Carbonate Solutions in two glass tumblers and placed them on wooden table available in the room. At the instructions of DSP, Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji rinsed and washed his both hands fingers in two separate glasses containing fresh colourless Sodium Carbonate solution separately and simultaneously. On doing so, the colourless Sodium Carbonate solution of both hand fingers turned into pink colour. Then the said solutions were transferred in two 180 ml quarter size bottles which are sealed and labelled duly signed by the DSP and the mediators.

Then the DSP, ACB explained the Accused Officer about the allegations levelled in the FIR registered against him and about the acceptance acceptance of bribe amount from the complainant, he stated that he was appointed as Ward Revenue Secretary on 02.10.2019 and ever since, he is working as such at Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam town. In the 3rd week of November, one Jafar Ghori of Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town came to him and informed that the father-in-law of Jafar Ghori who is late Sri Mohammad Khan was a retired Constable in Excise Department, died recently, that in order to get family pension in the name of his mother-in-law Jareena Begum, they are in need of 'Family Member Certificate'. Then he told Jafar Ghori to bring affidavit and other connected papers with application form, so that he would apply the same, to get Family Member Certificate. Accordingly, Jafar Ghori brought the filled application in the name of his mother-in-law Jareena Begum and handed over the same to him, together with affidavit and other papers. Then he demanded an amount of Rs. 6,000/- to process the application for issuing Family Member Certificate. Then, Jafar Ghori went away. Again, on 30.11.2023 afternoon, Jafar Ghori came to Ward Sachivalayam and requested him to reduce the bribe amount. Upon which, he reduced Rs.1,000/- and told him to pay an amount of Rs.5,000/- towards bribe so that he would complete the work. As the Ward Education and Data Processing Secretary has to generate the grievance in the portal, he got it generated through the Ward Education and Data Processing Secretary on 30.11.2023 evening and on the same day, the grievance reached his login. He waited till 05.12.2023. But since Ghori did not bring the demanded bribe amount till 05.12.2023, he forwarded the grievance to the login of Revenue Inspector by 'not recommending the application' even though all the documents are in correct form and upon his remarks, the Revenue Inspector forwarded the same to the login of Tahsildar where the application was rejected on 13.12.2023, purely basing on his remarks. On 10.12.2023, he made phone calls twice to Ghori. But Ghori did not lift the calls. Again, on 11.12.2023, he made phone calls twice at 06:17 pm and 06:58 pm and Ghori lifted the second call at 06:58 pm. Then he questioned Ghori as to why he did not bring the demanded bribe? On that, Ghori took some pleas. He asked Ghori to bring the bribe amount within two or three days to Ward Sachivalayam. On 13.12.2023 morning, Jafar Ghori again came to him when he was at Ward Sachivayalam at Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town and enquired about his work. Then he pretended to be the work in pending and told Jafar Ghori that he would ensure issuance of Family Member Certificate, only on payment of bribe amount of Rs.5,000/-. He further told him to bring the bribe amount to Ward Sachivalayam at Gonti Veedhi in one or two days. Today i.e. on 15.12.2023 morning at 11:26 am, he sent a text message to the cell phone number 9502864137 of Jafar Ghori from his cell phone number 9885125456 as "come to my office with amount of 5k to process

your file". After few minutes, Jafar Ghori came to him when he was at admin seat in Sachivalayam and when he enquired with Jafar Ghori whether he brought the bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- or not? Then Jafar Ghori replied that he brought the bribe amount and handed over the same to him. He told him that he forwarded the application to the login of Revenue Inspector, by not recommending for issuance of 'Family Member Certificate', only for not paying the bribe amount for all these days and informed Jafar Ghori that he will generate the grievance again and process the same'.

Then the DSP questioned the Ward Revenue Secretary Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji as to for which, he stated that today i.e., 15.12.2023 morning while he was attending his computer work at the seat of Ward Admin Secretary, one Jafar Ghori came to him and enquired about 'Family Member Certificate' in respect of his mother-in-law Jareena Begum. Then he asked Jafar Ghori whether he brought the proposed bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- as asked by him earlier and Jafar Ghori took out a wad of currency notes from the right side pocket of his pyjama and handed over the same to him as bribe amount and requested to process the application for issuance of 'Family Member Certificate. He took the amount from Jafar Ghori with his right hand, counted the same with his both hands and after confirming that it is Rs.5,000/-, he kept the amount in his front right side jean pant pocket and assured to Sri Jafar Ghori that he would process the same and ensure issuance of 'Family Member.

Then the DSP, ACB asked the Govt. Servant about the file relates to the application of the complainant, the accused officer produced the file which is in his possession.

Then the DSP, ACB perused the same and the details are as follows:

1) Check slip of enquiry officer for Family Member Certificate for application No. FMC231130058155 – one sheet
2) Report of Revenue Inspector in a proforma, without his signature – One sheet
3) Original Statement of Jareena Begum recorded by VRO, Gonti Veedhi, dated 30.11.2023 – One sheet
4) Original Panchanama drafted in the presence of five locals, by VRO, Gonti Veedhi, dated 30.11.2023 – One sheet
5) Application form of Jareena Begum for 'Family Member Certificate' vide FMC231130058155 – one sheet
6) Original Affidavit dated 20.11.2023 – Two sheets
7) Copy of death certificate of Mohammad Khan – One sheet
8) Copy of Aadhar card in respect of Mohammadh Khan vide No. 878407341134 – One sheet
9) Copy of Aadhar card in respect of Jareena Begum vide No. 435906841585 – One sheet
10) Copy of Aadhar card in respect of Rajia Sultana Khanam vide No. 310591072855 --One sheet
11) Copy of Aadhar card in respect of Imran Khan vide No.526868691858 One sheet
12) Copy of Aadhar card in respect of Md.Azaruddin Khan vide No. 234892468555– One sheet
13) Copies of Pension Payment Order of Mohammad Khan vide No. 23-012897/S5P-Three sheets.

The DSP, ACB made the above sheets in to a file and seized the same for the purpose of investigation, duly signed him and the mediators.

Then the DSP, ACB informed the Tahsildar, Srikakulam through Inspector B. Hari about the trap of the Govt. Servant and requested to attend the scene of offence to assist the ACB officials in conducting proceedings.

In order to verify the version of the Govt. Servant with regard to his making calls and sending text message to complainant, the DSP, ACB verified the data in the cell phone of the Accused Officer, got taken screen shots and printouts of the same and they are as follows:

1) Printout of screenshot of the calls made to cell phone number 9502864137 on Sunday at 12:00 pm and 12:28 pm and 06:17 pm and 06:58 pm on Monday (Four outgoing calls from the cell phone of accused officer to the cell phone number of complainant) – 01 sheet
2) Printout of the screenshot of the text message sent to cell phone number 9502864137 on Monday at 11:26 pm – 01 sheet

Then the DSP, ACB made the above two sheets into a file and seized the same for the purpose of investigation, duly signed me and the mediators.

Then the DSP ACB called the complainant and questioned the complainant and AO separately as to what had happened after he left the ACB party. On that, the complainant stated as follows:

"ఈరోజు ఉదయం సుమారు గం.**11:35**ని.ల కుడి.యస్.పి.గారు నన్ను వారివాహనం నుంచి దింపివేసి**,** గొంటివిధి గ్రామసచివాలయంనకు వెళ్లి సచివాలయ రెవిన్యూ అసిస్టెంట్ అయిన శ్రీ జయ కృష్ణబాలాజీ గారిని కలవమని**,** ఆయన అడిగితేనే లంచం డబ్బులు ఇమ్మని**,** జయకృష్ణ బాలాజీగారు లంచం డబ్బులు తీసుకుంటే నన్ను నాస్కార్ఫ్ తుడుచుకున్నవిధంగా మమ్మల్ని అనుసరించివచ్చుచున్నసి.ఐ. హరిగారికి సిగ్నల్ ఇమ్మని చెప్పినారు. నేను గొంటి విధి గ్రామ సచివాలయంనకు వెళ్లగా రెవిన్యూ సెక్రటరీ అయిన శ్రీ జయ కృష్ణ బాలాజీగారు రూమ్లో కుర్చీలో కూర్చొని ఉన్నారు. ఆసమయంలో హాలులో ఇద్దరువారి సీట్లలోకూర్చుని ఉన్నారు. నేను శ్రీజయ కృష్ణబాలాజీ గారి నినాపనిగురించి అడుగగా**,** శ్రీ జయ కృష్ణ బాలాజీ గారు నన్ను తాను అడిగినలంచండబ్బులు రూ.**5,000/-** తెచ్చినావా లేదా అని అడుగగా నేను తెచ్చినానని చెప్పగా ఆయన లంచండబ్బులను ఇవ్వమని అడుగగా నేను నాపైజామా కుడిపాకెట్లోనుండి రూ.**5,000/-** లను అనగాపది రూ.**500/-** నోట్లు జయకృష్ణ బాలాజీ గారికి ఇవ్వగా జయకృష్ణ బాలాజీ గారు సదరు లంచం డబ్బులను తనకుడిచేతిలోతీసుకుని**,** తన రెండు చేతులతో లెక్కపెట్టుకుని**,** రూ.**5,000/-** లని నిర్ధారించుకున్నతరువాత సదరు లంచం డబ్బులను తన జీన్స్పాంటు కుడిముందు వైపు జేబులో పెట్టుకున్నారు. పిమ్మట జయకృష్ణ బాలాజీగారు నేను అతనికి తాను అడిగిన లంచం డబ్బులు ఇంతవరకు ఇవ్వలేదని నా అప్లికేషన్ను తిరస్కరించారని**,** మరల అప్లికేషనుపెట్టినా అప్లికేషనుప్రాసెస్చేస్తాను అనితెలియపరిచినారు. నేను వెంటనే సచివాలయం బయటకువచ్చి వరండాలో నుండి దగ్గరలో చెట్టువద్ద ఉన్న శ్రీహరిసి.ఐ. గారికి నాస్కార్ఫ్ నాముఖాన్నితుడుచుకున్నట్లుగా సిగ్నల్ ఇచ్చినాను అని తెలియపరిచినాడు.

Then the DSP confronted the Govt. servant with the version of the complainant, the Accused Officer kept quiet.

The DSP also got taken screen shots and printouts of the calls made/text message sent by accused officer to the cell phone number of complainant Sri Jafar Ghori and they are as follows:

1) Printout of screenshot of the calls received from cell phone number 9885125456 on Monday at 6:17 pm and 6:58 pm (Two incoming calls from the cell phone of accused officer to the cell phone number of complainant) – 01 sheet

2) Printout of the screenshot of the text message sent from cell phone number 9885125456 of accused officer on Monday at 11:26 pm – 01 sheet

The DSP, ACB made the above two sheets in to a file and seized the same for the purpose of investigation, duly signed him and ourselves.

When the DSP confronted the Accused Officer with the version of the complainant, the Accused Officer kept quiet.

The DSP got played the memory card which contains copy of voice conversation that took place between the complainant and accused officer Sri Jayakrishna Balaji on 30.11.2023, in our presence with the help of laptop. Then the DSP questioned Sri Jayakrishna Balaji whether the voice belongs to him or not. Then Sri Jayakrishna Balaji Ward Revenue Secretary admitted that the voice in the memory card belongs to himself and complainant Sri Jafar Ghori.

Then the DSP examined Kaibada Rama Rao S/o Ganapathi Rao, age 32 years, Education and Data Processing Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town and Kadupu Kishore Kumar S/o Eswara Rao, age 29 years, Ward Administrative Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, N/o Thotapalem Village, Etcherla Mandal

On examination, both of them categorically stated that to-day i.e. on 15.12.2023 morning, around 11:30 hours or so, when they were sitting in their respective seats in the main hall of the Sachivalayam building at Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam town, a male approached Sri Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary who is sitting in Admin Secretary room and conversed something with him and later, said person came out of the room and went out of the building. After some time, some officials came and went into the said room of Jayakrishna Balaji and conducted some chemical tests and took possession of cash from Jayakrishna Balaji. They further came to know that Jayakrishna Balaji demanded and accepted bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- from the male person for processing Family Member Certificate and the ACB officials caught him for it.

When the DSP ACB appraised Sri Kaibada Rama Rao about the transaction of Sri Jafar Ghori, Sri Kaibada Rama Rao verified the data in the portal and reminiscent of his generating the grievance of Sri Jafar Ghori, at the behest of Sri Jayakrishna Balaji on 30.11.2023.

On the instructions of DSP ACB, Sri Kaibada Ramarao took printout of the transaction details in ID – FMC231130058155. The DSP perused the same in our presence and on perusal, it is noticed that the grievance was generated by Ward

Education and Data Processing Secretary on 30.11.2023 and forwarded to the login of Ward Revenue Secretary i.e. the accused officer on the same day. The Accused Officer Sri Jayakrishna Balaji forwarded the same grievance to the login of Revenue Inspector on 5.12.2023, with a remark that the applicant was not available during field visit. The Revenue Inspector forwarded the same grievance to the login of Tahsildar on 06.12.2023 and the Tahsildar, Srikakulam rejected the application on 13.12.2023, purely based on the remarks made by the accused officer, without verifying the record. The DSP made this sheet into a file and seized the same, duly attested by us and the mediators.

The DSP secured the attendance register through Ward Admin Secretary. On verification of the attendance register, it is found that the Accused Officer Sri Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary had attended his duties at Ward Sachivalayam at Gonti Veedhi for all the days during 3rd and 4th weeks of November, 2023and on 13.12.2023.

The DSP seized the attendance register for the purpose of investigation, duly attested by the mediators as well as the DSP, ACB.

During post trap proceeding the DSP, ACB examined Sri Nidigantla Venkata Rao, S/o late Rama Rao, 56 years, Tahsildar, Srikakulam Mandal and Sri Sadhu Sankara Rao S/o late Laxminarayana, age 37 years, Revenue Inspector, O/o Tahsildar, Srikakulam, R/o D.No. 1-3-69, Balaga, Srikakulam town.

CHARGE-II

As per circular of the CCLA's Ref. No.LR-II (1)/REV02-13/15/2022 dated.18.04.2022 from the Office of Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada, it is clearly mentioned that Non-availability of the family member for recording statement shall not be a ground for rejecting the FMC and No rejection is allowed. But the Government Servant rejected the FMC application No: FMC231130058155 by violating the instructions issued in the CCLA's Ref. No.LR-II (1)/REV02-13/15/2022 dated.18.04.2022 of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

FACT AND EVIDENCE:

On examination Sri Nadigantal Venkata Rao, Tahsildar, Srikakulm stated that he has been working as Tahsildar, Srikakulam since 10.7.2021. Ward Sachivalayam No.16 which is in Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam town comes under his jurisdiction and the Ward Revenue Secretary, Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji has been officially working under him. All the revenue related matters pertaining to the said ward, the Ward Revenue Secretary has to forward to him through RI i.e., regarding all issuance of Certificates. Particularly regarding issuance of Family Member Certificate, there are specific instructions issued in a Circular vide CCLA's Ref.No.LR-II (1)/REV02-13/15/2022 dated.18.04.2022 from the Office of Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Gollapudi, Vijayawada. The following are the instructions from CCLA/Spl.CS.

FAMILY MEMBER CERTIFICATE:-

The Service:- The Revenue Department issues Family Member Certificate in terms of G.O.Ms.No.145,Services.(III), Dt. 25th April, 2015. This certificate is used to provide the family members information, where the head of the family is deceased. It is used for availing the benefits under Apathbhandu Scheme/Chief Minister relief fund/Housing, insurance claims, succession of financial assets and etc., and updation of records of properties.

Instructions:-

- Where the family members certificate in respect of a deceased individual was already issued, the same will be across the counter as a Cat-A service, as the FMC is the same for a decease individual.
- FMC will be issued as a Cat-A service, if the family is included in HHDB (House Hold Data Base).
- Since, the Aadhar Numbers of all the family members is being insisted upon at the time of applying for FMC, the recording of statement from each of the family members may not be insisted upon.
- Non-availability of the family member for recording the statement shall not be a ground for rejecting the FMC.
- In case a counter claim is filed to issue FMC, the recording of statements from neighbors/ village elders shall be mandatorily done.
- The work flow will be DA->VRO (3 days), MRI (2 days) >Tahsildar (5 days).
- The purpose of requesting the certificate may be recorded for a better understanding of the usage of Certificates.
- No Rejection is allowed regarding FMC.

Smt. Jerina Begum, w/o Late Mohammad Khan (Retired Excise Constable who died on 07.11.2023) and applied for FMC on 30.11.2023 by Ward Education and Data Processing Secretary to Ward Revenue Secretary vide Transaction ID i.e., FMC 231130058155 from Gonti Veedhi Ward Sachivalayam, Srikakulam. Later, Ward Revenue Secretary forwarded the same to RI on 05.12.2023 by not recommending as Applicant was not available during field visit even though he visited and recorded the statements of Jerina Begum and other family members on 30.11.2023 and duly signed on those statements. Later, Revenue Inspector, forwarded the same to him without submitting any field enquiry report / statements of Jerina Begum and other family members. Basing on the Ward Revenue Secretary and RI's findings, without documents, he also rejected the same on 13.12.2023.

He verified the file seized by the ACB Officials from Ward Revenue Secretary and found that the Smt. Jerina Begum has applied with all connected documents but the Ward Revenue Secretary hide those documents without forwarded the same to him for the best reasons known to the Ward Revenue Secretary. As on today, the connect file pertains to Smt. Jerina Begum for FMC is with Ward Revenue Secretary without submitting the same and shown false reject i.e., not recommendation to him through RI. He also handed over the copy of the circular of the CCLA's Ref.No.LR-II (1)/REV02-13/15/2022 dated.18.04.2022 from the Office of Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Gollapudi, Vijayawada to the DSP, ACB, Srikakulam for the purpose of the investigation.

The DSP made the copy of the circular of the CCLA's Ref.No.LR-II (1)/REV02-13/15/2022 dated.18.04.2022 from the Office of Chief Commissioner of Land

Administration, A.P., Gollapudi, Vijayawada, into a file and seized the same duly attested by us and the DSP.

On examination, Sri Sadhu Sankara Rao, Revenue Inspector has stated and corroborated the Tahsildar, Srikakulam in all aspects and etc.

The DSP secured and examined the Sri Ch. Rangaiah, Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam.

On examination, Sri Ch. Rangaiah, Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam stated that he has been working as RDO, Srikakulam for 6 months. On 15.12.2023 afternoon, I came to know that Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, Ward Revenue Secretary, Gonti Veedhi, Ward Sachivalayam, Srikakulam Municipality was trapped by ACB officials for demanding and accepting bribe amount from a person for processing of Family member Certificate in the name Smt. Jerina Begum.

As per proceedings Rc. No 1475/2019/A, Dat 20/11/2019, Sri Muddada Jayarishna Balaji was appointed as Ward revenue Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Ward No 16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam.

As per G.O. Ms. No 145 Revenue (Ser.II) Dept Dt: 25.04.2015. An application made through Meeseva, the Tahsildar, shall issue Family Member Certificate provided that there is no written objection from any other member of the family and on receipt of such application, the Tahsildar shall publish a seven days notice in the village/ward and after expiry of the notice period, the Tahsildar or any other office deputed by him shall conduct enquiry and recorded panchanama, based on which the Tahsildar shall either issue the certificate or reject the same and is final order of acceptance or rejection shall be given within 15 days from the date of receipt of application through meeseva.

The Revenue Department issues Family Member Certificate in terms of G.O.Ms.No.145, Services.(III), Dt. 25thApril, 2015. This certificate is used to provide the family members information, where the head of the family is deceased. It is used for availing the benefits under Apathbhandu Scheme/Chief Minister relief fund/Housing, insurance claims, succession of financial assets and etc., and updation of records of properties.

- Where the family member's certificate in respect of a deceased individual was already issued, the same will be across the counter as a Cat-A service, as the FMC is the same for a decease individual.
- FMC will be issued as a Cat-A service, if the family is included in HHDB (House Hold Data Base).
- Since, the Aadhar Numbers of all the family members is being insisted upon at the time of applying for FMC, the recording of statement from each of the family members may not be insisted upon.
- Non-availability of the family member for recording the statement shall not be a ground for rejecting the FMC.
- In case a counter claim is filed to issue FMC, the recording of statements from neighbors/ village elders shall be mandatorily done.
- The work flow will be DA->VRO (3 days), MRI (2 days) >Tahsildar (5 days).

- The purpose of requesting the certificate may be recorded for a better understanding of the usage of Certificates.
- No Rejection is allowed regarding FMC.

One Smt. Jerina Begum, w/o Late Mohammad Khan (Retired Excise Constable who died on 07.11.2023) and applied for FMC on 30.11.2023 by Ward Education and Data Processing Secretary to Ward Revenue Secretary vide Transaction ID i.e., FMC 231130058155 from Gonti Veedhi Ward Sachivalayam, Srikakulam. Later, Ward Revenue Secretary forwarded the same to RI on 05.12.2023 by not recommending as Applicant was not available during field visit even though he visited and recorded the statements of Jerina Begum and other family members on 30.11.2023 and duly signed on those statements. Later, Revenue Inspector, forwarded the same to him without submitting any field enquiry report / statements of Jerina Begum and other family members. Basing on the Ward Revenue Secretary and RI's findings, without documents, he also rejected the same on 13.12.2023.

The Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam through is letter in Cr.No in Rc.No 17/2024/F, Dt 25.01.2024 furnished service particulars and job chart of the Govt. servant and procedural aspects in issuance of Family member certification.

Hence, the charge against the Govt. Servant that he demanded and accepted bribe an amount of Rs: 5,000/- from the complainant for process family member certificate in the name of Jareena Begum.

Thus, the Govt. Servant by the above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty, failed to maintain integrity, behave in a manner unbecoming of a Government Servant and brought down the prestige of the Government and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) & 3(2) of A.P.C.S. (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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ANNEXURE-III

LIST OF ORAL EVIDENCE:

The following oral evidence is available on record.

1. Sri Jafar Ghori, S/o late Mohammad Ghori, age 51 years, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town, Srikakulam District:-

He is the complainant, who speaks about the facts of demand of bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- by the A.Oandhe recoded the call conversation of A.O in his mobile phone and got copied the voice clip into the memory card and also speak about the contents of pre-trap and post-trap proceedings to the extent concerning to him, giving his statement u/s 164 Cr.P.C. before the Honourable Addl. Judicial Magistrate of 1st Class, Srikakulam on 23.12.2023 andhe deposed reiterating the contents of the complaint and his participation in the pre-trap and post-trap proceedings concerning to him etc., facts.

On further examination he stated that, after the trap of Ward Revenue Secretary Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji, his mother in law Family Member certificate was processed on 02.08.2023 by the Revenue authorities of Srikakulam, a message was received to that effect and he handed over the xerox copy of the Family Member Certificate to the ACB authorities duly signed on the receipt etc facts.

2. Smt. Jarina Begum W/o late Mohamad khan, age 51 years, Muslim, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Municipality, Srikakulam town:-

She speak about LW.1 is her son in law, she known that the facts of applying for process of Family member certificate, she came to know that A.O demanded bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- to process FMC file on 30.11.2023, she further came to know about the trap of the A.O at Ward Sachivalayam, 16th ward, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town on 15.12.2023 at 11.40 hours while accepting the bribe amount from her son in law and etc., facts.

3.Sri Kaibada Ramarao S/o Ganapathirao, age 32 years, Occ. Education and Data Processing Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town:-

He speaks that on 15.12.2023 while he was attending his routine duties in the Ward Sachivalayam, he came to know that Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji S/o Ramakrishna, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward No. 16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town was trapped by ACB officials for demanding and accepting bribe amount of Rs. 5,000/- from one Sri Jafar Ghori for processing the Family Member certificate (FMC) file of the complainant etc., facts.

4.Sri Kadupu Kishore Kumar S/o Eswara Rao, age 29 years, Occ. Ward Administrative Secretary, Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town R/o Thotapalem village, Etcherla Mandal, Srikakulam District:-

He speak that on 15.12.2023 while he was attending his routine duties in the Ward Sachivalayam, he came to know that Sri Muddada Jayakrishna Balaji S/o Ramakrishna, Ward Revenue Secretary, Ward No. 16, Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town was trapped by ACB officials for demanding and accepting bribe amount of

Rs.5,000/- from one Sri Jafar Ghori for processing the Family Member certificate (FMC) file of the complainant etc, facts.

5) Sri Nidigantla Venkata Rao, S/o late Rama Rao, 56 years, Tahsildar, Srikakulam Mandal:-

He speaks that the procedural aspects of Revenue Department to issues of Family Member Certificate in terms of G.O.Ms.No.145, Services.(III), Dt. 25thApril, 2015. This certificate is used to provide the family members information, where the head of the family is deceased. It is used for availing the benefits under Apathbhandu Scheme/Chief Minister relief fund/Housing, insurance claims, succession of financial assets and etc., and updating of records of properties and etc., facts.

6) Sri Sadhu Sankara Rao, S/o late Laxminarayana, age 37 years, Revenue Inspector, O/o Tahsildar, Srikakulam, R/o D.No. 1-3-69, Balaga, Srikakulam town:- He speaks that the procedural aspects of Revenue Department to issues of Family Member Certificate in terms of G.O.Ms.No.145, Services.(III), Dt. 25thApril, 2015. This certificate is used to provide the family members information, where the head of the family is deceased. It is used for availing the benefits under Apathbhandu Scheme/Chief Minister relief fund/Housing, insurance claims, succession of financial assets and etc., and updating of records of properties and etc., facts.

7. Asst. Director, ENG Section, APFSL, Mangalagiri:-He speaks about his report regarding the comparison of the voices in the Xtreme-SM micro SD HC 10/23, 8 GB memory cardin the sample voice of the A.O and the complainant Submission of his report etc., facts.

8. Ms. K. Rani, Judicial Magistrate of 1st Class, Srikakulam(FAC), Additional Judicial Magistrate of 1st class, Srikakulam: To speak regarding recording of 164 Cr.P.C Statement of the Complainant Sri Jaffar Ghori on 23.12.2023 and etc., facts.

9. The Nodal Officer – AP & TS, Bharti Airtel Ltd, Splendid Towers, Opp: Begumpet Police Station, Begumpet, Hyderabad:- To speak about furnish call data records (CDRs) On& CAF of the mobile number 9502864137(Complainant phone No) for the dates 30.11.2023,13.12.2023 and 15.12.2023 etc facts.

10. The Nodal Officer, Reliance Jio Info comm. Limited KBR towers (Reliance Trends)Near Benz Circle, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh-To speak about furnish call data records (CDRs) On & CAF of the mobile number 9885125456 (A.O phone No) for the dates 30.11.2023,13.12.2023 and 15.12.2023 etc facts.

11. The Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam:- He speaks about that he has furnished his reply vide Letter RC. No 17/2024/F, dt 25.01.2024 with regard to the service particulars, job chart of Accused Officer Sri Muddada Jayakirhsna Balaji and procedure aspects to issuance of Family member certificate and etc.

12. Sri Bhyri Praveen, S/o Nagabhusana Rao, age 41 years, Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, Veterinary Dispensary, Srikurmam, Gara Mandal, Srikakulam, R/o Bhyri Singupuram, Srikakulam Rural Mandal, Srikakulam District. Cell No.

8309804535:

He is the 1st mediator and speaks about the contents of mediators report-I & II dated 15.12.2023, and etc, facts.

13. Sri Gandubilli Venkata Ramana, S/o Trinadh, age 31 years, Veterinary Assistant, Veterinary Dispensary, Lolugu, Ponduru Mandal, Srikakulam District, R/o Dallavalasa Village, Ponduru Mandal, Srikakulam District. Cell No. 9959289594:

He is the 2nd mediator and speaks about the contents of mediators reports-I & II dated 15.12.2023, and etc, facts.

14).Sri B.V.V.S.Ramana Murthy, DSP, ACB, Srikakulam Range:-To speak his received a report from Sri Jaffar Ghori against the Sri Muddada Jaya Krishnabalaji and it is registered acase in Crime No. 13/RCT-ACB-SKL/2023 on 15.12.2023 and lay trap against the AO and his investigation and etc., facts.

15).SriS.V.Ramana :-To speak about his further investigation and sending DACs against the Government Servant and etc., facts.

Any further witness is required, he/she will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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ANNEXURE-IV

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE:-

The following documentary evidence is available on record:

1) Complaint dated 13.12.2023 given by the complainant.

It reveals the facts of the demand of bribe amount of Rs.5,000/- by the A.O for doing an official favor and etc., facts.

2) FIR in Cr. No. 13/RCT-ACB/SKL/2023 dated 15.12.2023

It reveals that a complaint was received from the complainant about the demand for a bribe and registration of the case against the A.O.

3) Mediators Report-I: It reveals the pre-trap happenings Dt.15.12.2023.

4) Mediators Report-II: It reveals the post-trap happenings Dt.15.12.2023.

5) Made up file-1 containing the application of the mother in law of the complainant, copies of affidavit and other papers seized from the possession of the A.O during the post trap proceedings 16 sheets.

It clearly shows that the A.O kept pending the official favour file with him for demand of bribe for process Family Member Certificate in the name of mother in law of complainant

6) Made up file-2 containing Screen Shots of the accused officer with regard to messages and calls Made to the complainant 02 sheets.

It shows that the conversation made by the A.O to the complainant.

7) Made up file-3 containing the screen shots of the complainant with regard to messages and calls made of the complainant by the AO- 02 sheets.

It shows that the conversation and message sent by the A.O to the complainant and etc.,

8) Made up file-4 containing print out of the transactions details vide I.D. FMC 231130058155 (one sheet)

It shows the AO rejected the application of mother in law of complainant as he did not pay bribe amount.

9) **Made up file-5 containing the circular vide CCLA, ref No. LR (II)/REVE-13/15/2022 dt. 18.4.2022 of the office of Chief Commissioner land Administration AP, Gollapudi, Vijayawada - 02 sheets.**

It shows that the guidelines for issuance of Family member certificate and etc.,

10) Attendance Register:-It clearly shows that the A.O is present in the Ward Sachivalayam, Gonti Veedhi, 16th ward, Srikakulam Town on the respective dates.

11) Reply from the Revenue Divisional Officer, Srikakulam:- Letter RC. No 17/2024/F, dt 25.01.2024 with regard to the service particulars, job chart of Accused Officer Sri Muddada Jayakirhsna Balaji and procedure aspects to issuance of Family member certificate and etc.

12) Reply of the Nodal Officer – AP & TS, Bharti Airtel Ltd, Splendid Towers, Opp: Begumpet Police Station, Begumpet, Hyderabad:-It shows about the call details & CAF of the mobile number 9502864137 (complainant phone No) for the dates 30.11.2023, 13.12.2023&15.12.2023 etc facts.

13). Reply of the Nodal Officer-Reliance Jio Info comm. Limited KBR towers (Reliance Trends) Near Benz Circle, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh:-It shows about the call details & CAF of the mobile number 9885125456 (held in the name of the Accused Officer) for the dates 30.11.2023, 13.12.2023 & 15.12.2023 and etc facts.

14) Copy of 164 Cr.P.C. statement of the complainant Sri Jaffar Ghori:

It shows that the complainant has supported the contents of FIR, Mediator Reports I & II dated 15.12.2023 to the extent concerning him.

15) 65-B I.E.A. Certificate:- This is the certificates given by the complainant Sri Jaffar Ghori of Gonti Veedhi, Srikakulam Town which clearly shows that he transferred the voice conversation in between the complainant and the accused officer that was available in the mobile phone of the complainant into the external memory card i.e., Xtreme-SM Micro SD HC 10/23, 8 GB memory card from the complainant mobile phone on 30.11.2023 through computer available with him and the voice is lasted with One minute and forty eight seconds duration and the contents are not edited at any stage and again on the request of ACB officials, the voice conversation in between the complainant and the accused officer that was available in the mobile phone of the complainant into the external memory card i.e., Xtreme-SM Micro SD HC 10/23, 8 GB memory card and the voice is lasted with One minute and forty eight seconds duration and the contents are not edited at any stage and etc facts.

16) Report to be received from the Assistant Director, FSL, Mangalagiri in comparison of voice of the Accused Officer and the complainant with the memory card produced by the complainant during the time of mediator's report-I and also with the memory card seized during the post trap proceedings (MR-II) and sent to the Hon'ble Court.

The verbal report of the audio conversation (which was recorded by the complainant about the demand of bribe on 30.11.2023 at 2.30 PM) was incorporated in the Mediator's Report-I Dt.15.12.2023 and the same was forwarded to the Hon'ble Court along with remand report. A petition U/s 45 IEA was filed before the Hon'ble court to send the memory card to FSL, AP, Mangalagiri along with A.O and the complainant, for getting the sample voices of A.O and the complainant and for comparison of the same. The Hon'ble court allowed the petition videCrl.M.P.No.110/2024, dated 13.02.2024 and directed the accused officer and the complainant to be present before the APFSL to record the

specimen voices. Material objects were to be handed over to the APFSL, Mangalagiri awaited.

Any further document is required; it will be produced at the time of enquiry.

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